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SUBJECT: REVIEW OF US OES ACTIVITIES

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1. REPORT REQUESTED IN REFTEL REQUIRES MORE RESEARCH TIME THAN 30 MAR DEADLINE ALLOWS IF IT IS TO BE REAL CONTRIBUTION TO OES AND CONTRIBUTE FULLY TO FORMULATION US FOREIGN POLICIES. MAIN OBSTACLES TO PROVIDING MORE THAN INTERIM REPORTING AT THIS TIME ARE (A) ACTIVE RENEGOTIATION OF AGREEMENT OF FRIENDSHIP AND COOPERATION (AFC) BETWEEN GOS AND USG WITH 5TH ROUND SCHEDULED FOR NEXT WEEK (B) ACTIVE DRAFTING OF GOS 4TH NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN WHICH PROMISES TO HAVE CAREFUL REDEFINITION OF SPANISH R&D PRIORITIES AND BUDGET ALLOCATIONS DERIVED FROM A MORE ELABORATED NATIONAL SCIENCE POLICY (C) CONTINUED DELAY IN OVERDUE REORGANIZATION, MORE THAN JUST STRUCTURAL, OF PRINCIPAL SPANISH R&D AGENCY. THE SUPERIOR COUNCIL FOR SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH, ACCOUNTING FOR POSSIBLY 70 PERCENT OF ALL GOVT SPENDING IN BASIC AND APPLIED RESEARCH AND (D) UNCERTAINTIES ABOUT THE IMMEDIATE AND NEAR FUTURE COMPOSITION OF THE CENTRAL GOVT, INCLUDING THE TECHNICAL AND PLANNING AGENCIES.

2. A SUMMARY INTERIM REPORT FOLLOWS: THREE MAJOR FORMAL

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BILATERAL AGREEMENTS EXIST BETWEEN THE GOVTS, BEING

THE 1970 (AFC) WHICH INCLUDES THE 3 NON-MILITARY CHAPTERS ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, URBAN AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND AGRICULTURE; BETWEEN THE FORMER AEC AND THE SPANISH NUCLEAR ENERGY BOARD (JEN); AND BETWEEN NASA AND THE SPANISH NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR AEROSPACE TECHNOLOGY. ALL INCLUDE DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE TO SOME DEGREE. TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER IS A MUCH-DEBATED FINANCIAL CONCERN OF THE GOS, WITH FIRM LEGISLATION CONTROLLING IT. SPAIN IS NOT A MEMBER OF NATO AND PARTICIPATES IN CCMS ACTIVITIES ONLY OCCASIONALLY AS AN INVITED OBSERVER. POPULATION STUDIES IN CATHOLIC SPAIN ARE LIMITED TO THE FIELD OF DEMOGRAPHY. FUTURE RELATIONS WITH SPAIN IN THE OES AREA ARE CONTINGENT TO A CONSIDERABLE EXTENT ON THE OUTCOME OF THE PRESENT NEGOTIATIONS FOR A NEW AGREEMENT TO REPLACE THE CURRENT (AFC) WHICH EXPIRES SEPT THIS YEAR AND ON THE FINAL FORM OF THE 4TH NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR 1976-1979, NOW IN NEAR-FINAL DRAFT.

3. DETAILS AND UPDATES WILL BE SENT ON EACH OF THE PARTS A THROUGH H OF PAR 2 OF REFTEL AS SOON AS SIGNIFICANT INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE FOR ANALYSIS.

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